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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

With respect to the cited German patent document, DE 19959764 A1, this document is referred to at page 1 of the specification. An English language abstract for DE 19959764 A1 is enclosed for the Examiner's review.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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		DE 19959764 A1	Aug 17, 2000	Germany			English Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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